

# The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

# THE REPORTER

**MAY 2011**

**WEST END YOUTH CENTER  
20<sup>TH</sup> AND GREENLEAF STREETS  
MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> - 7PM**

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**\*REPORT a POTHOLE\***  
**The "Pothole" hotline is**  
**610.437.8775**  
**to report a pothole.**

## GOING GREEN!

We are pleased to announce The West Watch is going green! We will continue to distribute a paper newsletter through September, but after that, our newsletter will be available via e-mail and online at [www.thewestwatch.org](http://www.thewestwatch.org). Limited paper copies will be available at local businesses & our monthly meetings. By doing this, we will be greener of course, but we will also be able to be more efficient at providing information to you on a more timely basis. If you have not done so already, please provide/update your e-mail address with us.

## From the President

### HELLO NEIGHBORS

The West Watch would like to ask all neighbors in our territory to e-mail either an officer of our group or a board member with any problems/concerns/issues that have been called into the police department. We would also like to remind everyone that even something or someone "suspicious" should be called into the non-emergency number, which is 610-437-7751. By providing our group with any information you may have, you are allowing us to spread the word and have all our neighbors made aware of what's going on. This is yet another reason why "Going Green" makes so much sense to our group—we will be able to share information about all things crime related on a more time efficient level to everyone who provides their e-mail addresses to our group!

Gerry Alfano

- New email Address? Send it to us at [Secretary@thewestwatch.org](mailto:Secretary@thewestwatch.org)
- Donations may be mailed to The West Watch at 3140B Tilghman St #243 Allentown PA 18104

### *Guest Speaker for May*

The Child Advocacy Center of Lehigh County will be presenting to our group in May. As a nonprofit organization this group redefines how we respond to child abuse. Please attend to here all the good this group does!

### *Meeting Minutes*

TWW Meeting 04/12/2011

Captain Morris announced that a substantial arrest has been made regarding the copper theft issue our area had been experiencing. He mentioned that the Auto Theft Task Force have made a few arrests, but they are still seeing tire thefts. Please call in anything suspicious. In the last 2 weeks 6 cars have been reported stolen...much of the 6 cars were Hondas. 3 armed robberies have been reported, all in the area of Stooges Bar, this includes the Stooges robbery. There has been a rash of graffiti, a lot of it was red paint.

Captain Morris' e-mail address is : [morris@allentowncity.org](mailto:morris@allentowncity.org) and his phone number is 610-437-7713; please contact him with any concerns.

Mike D'Amore, President of City Council was present to speak about a few things going on with city council. They are considering a license for Ice Cream Truck Drivers; the city is trying to get a grip on "knowing" a group of people that will have contact will children. Also in the works with City Council is the issue of stray animals; they are considering a spay & neuter ordinance; council is looking at other cities who have adopted similar ordinances.

### **Numbers To Know**

<b>Police-Fire-Ambulance</b>	911
<b>Police –Non-emergency</b>	610-437-7751
<b>Chief Maclean</b>	610-437-7777
<b>Police—Vice Unit</b>	610-437-7726
<b>State Rep. Jennifer Mann</b>	610-821-5577
<b>State Sen. Pat Browne</b>	610-821-8468
<b>City Planning</b>	610-437-7613
<b>Recycling/ Graffiti Removal</b>	610-437-8729
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	610-437-7695
<b>Mayor Pawlowski</b>	610-437-7546
<b>Health Bureau</b>	610-437-7760
<b>Zoning office</b>	610-437-7630

### ***CHEC-Mate Program***

Report all suspicious activity anonymously by becoming a CHEC-mate (Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime) Member. Come to our monthly meeting and ask for a card and/or get a few for your Allentown friends or neighbors. Please don't sit silent and expect others to call the police. Everyone has to take responsibility to report suspicious activity when they see it. We can only begin to clean up Allentown when good people come together and say we will no longer put up with illegal activity.

### ***City Ordinance Awareness***

Did you know...

Dog licenses are required for all dogs who are 3 months of age or older. All dogs & cats ages 3 months or old must have a rabies vaccine. All animals, including cats, must be confined to their owners' property or if off their owners' property must be on a leash. All fecal matter from all animals must be cleaned up within 24 hours, even if it is in the owners' fenced in yard. These ordinances have been put in place by our city to prevent public health and safety issues, **please remember that if you see a cat or dog without a leash in the neighborhood, please call the non-emergency phone number – 610-437-7751!**